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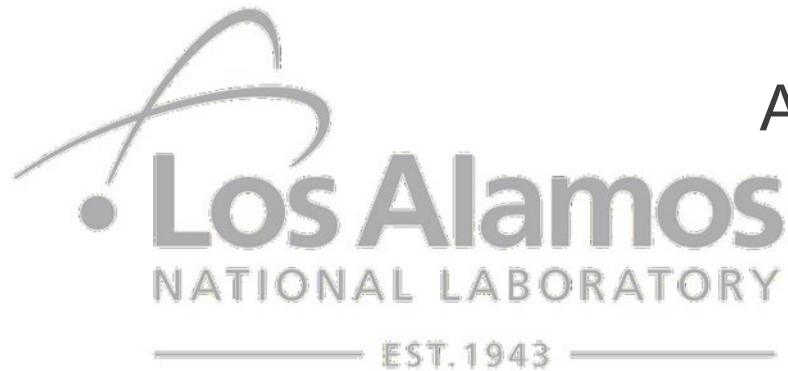
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Welcome to Computing Research Leadership Council



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ALD, Simulation and Computation

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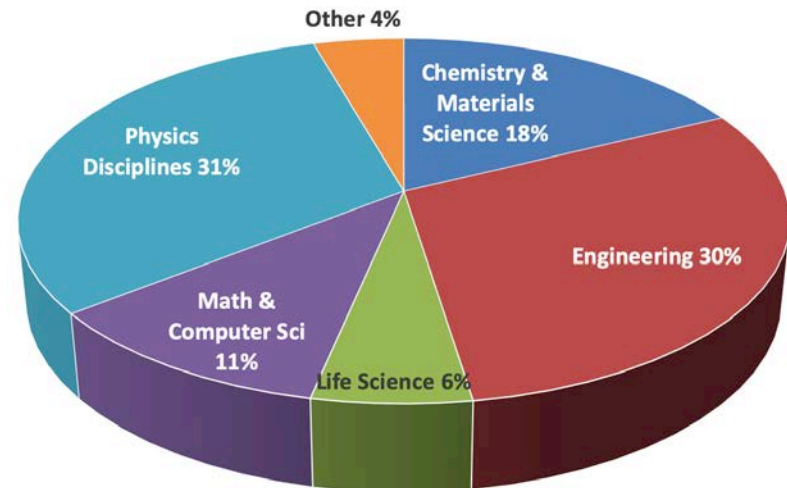
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Los Alamos National Laboratory

Delivering science and technology to protect our nation and promote world stability

- The senior DOE Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) and operated by Triad National Security, LLC under contract to the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)
- People: >12,800; >1,800 students and > 450 post-docs; 19% PhD.; 43% minorities; 36% female
- Budget: \$2.92B
- Location: 1,000 buildings on 35 acres
35 miles NW of Santa Fe, NM

R&D Employee Disciplines



The Laboratory is a complex, dynamic system of people, facilities, materials, and services

Weapons Programs

- Weapons Physics Design and Computation
- Weapons Engineering
- High Explosives
- Plutonium
- Tritium/GTS
- Uranium, Beryllium, Salts, Metals
- Detonators
- Component Fabrication and Assembly

Science, Technology & Engineering

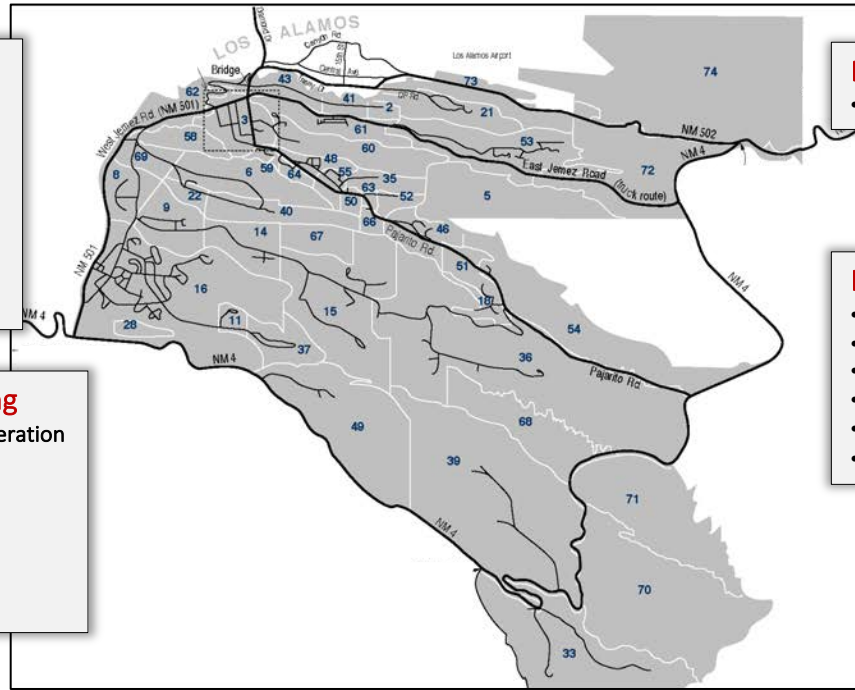
- Nuclear Nonproliferation & Counter-Proliferation
- Emerging Threats
- Intelligence Community
- National Defense and Homeland Security
- Chemistry, Earth and Life Sciences
- Materials and Physical Sciences
- Theoretical and Computational Sciences

Director's Office

- Institutional Management

Institutional Operations

- Business Services
- Environmental, Safety, and Health
- Nuclear & High Hazard Operations
- Security and Mission Assurance
- Capital Projects
- Project Management Services



40 square miles 47 technical areas 1,280 buildings/ 9M sq ft 11 nuclear facilities 268 miles of roads

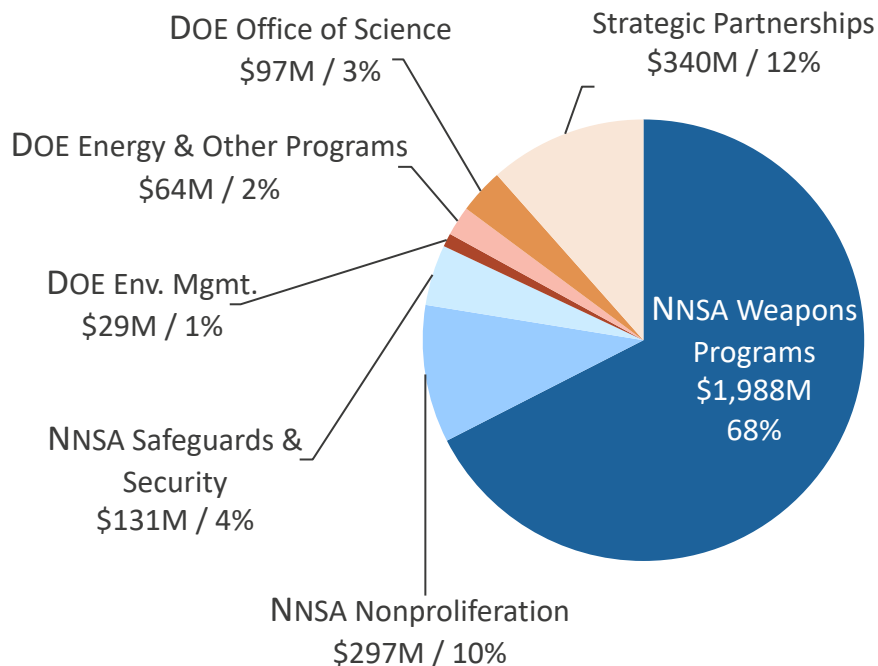
8,400 career employees/12,800 workers on site 2,500 R&D staff 1,100 veterans 460 postdocs 1,850 students

\$2.9B budget 4,700 projects 600 B&R codes

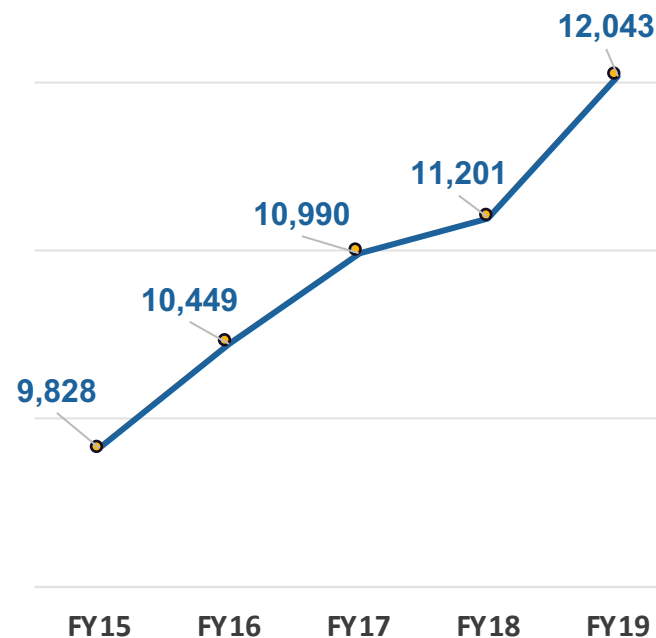
11 Directorates 60 Divisions

LANL has a steady budget and a growing staff

FY20 Programmatic Portfolio: \$2.946M (Est.)



Lab Employees (FY15–FY19)

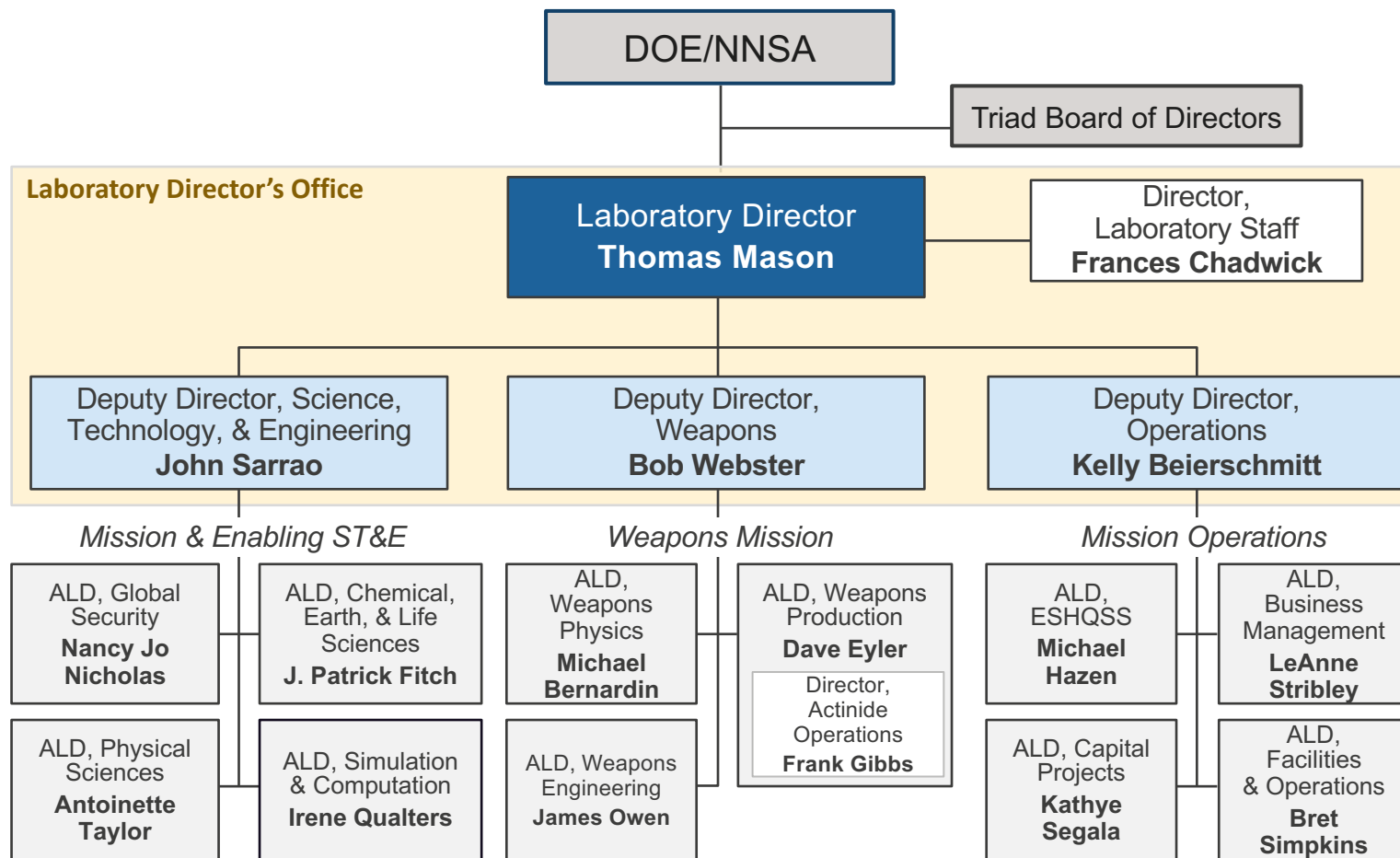


Lab Agenda: Simultaneous excellence

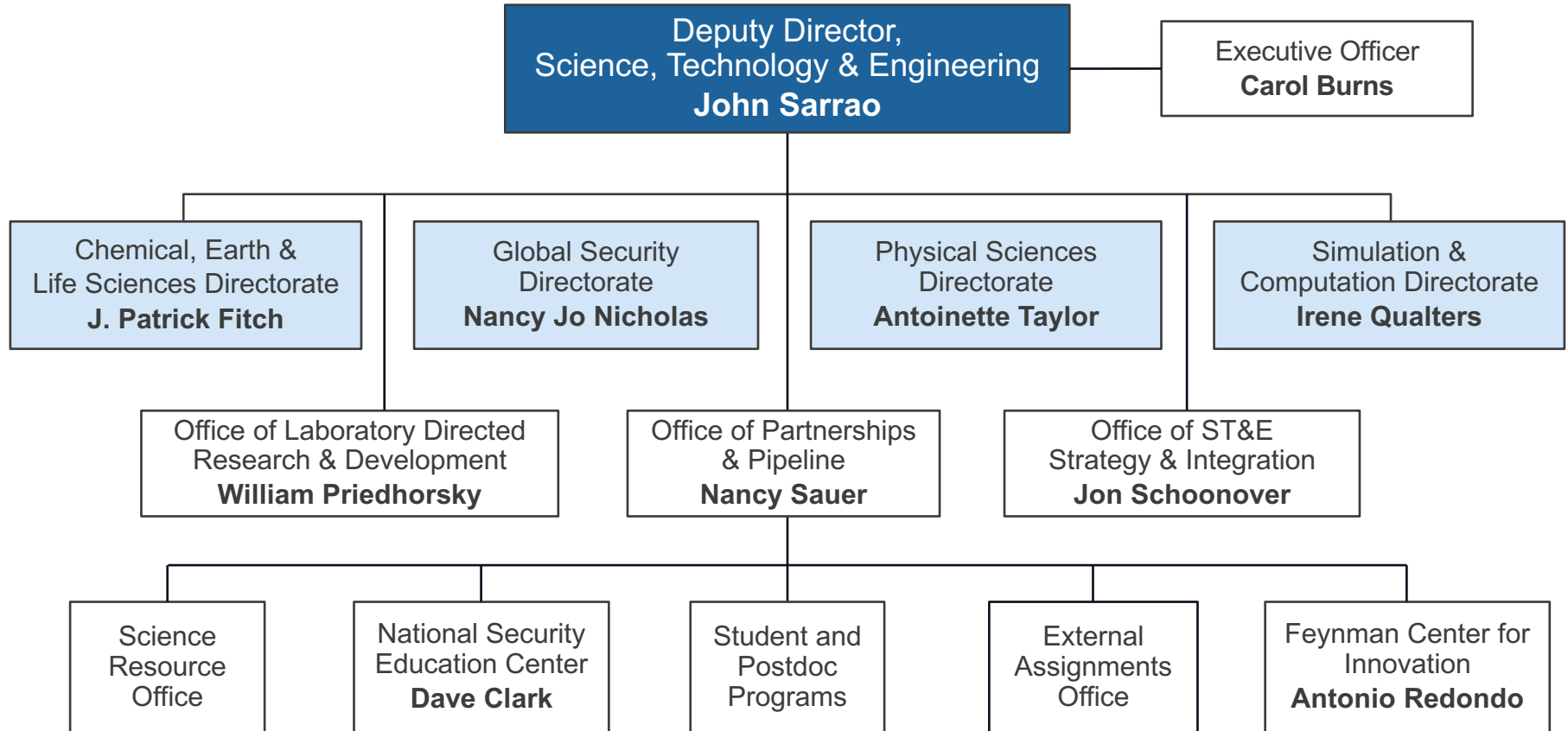
Mission, Vision, and Culture



Los Alamos National Laboratory Organizational Structure



DDSTE organization



Partnerships & Pipeline Office (PPO) was formed at transition to enhance our internal coordination and external outreach

Pipeline



Partnerships

Pipeline Mechanisms:

- **Student Programs:** Education opportunities for high school, undergraduate, and graduate students
- **Postdoctoral Programs:** Postdocs contribute to research efforts, enhance our STE capabilities

Partnership Opportunities:

- **National Security Education Center Strategic Centers:** Scientific centers of excellence with high international visibility that innovate strategic new science and education programs
- **New Mexico Consortium Coordination:** Creative mechanisms for collaboration with NM research universities through joint appointments and unique facilities
- **Feynman Center for Innovation:** From “tech transfer” to innovation asset stewardship with strategy driven through Innovation Asset Strategic Council



Our student and postdoc pipeline is crucial for recruiting the workforce of the future

- 1,850 students and 460 postdocs were part of our workforce in FY19
- Conversion of postdocs to technical staff is our most highly utilized early-career pipeline

Percentage of total LANL population who were former students or postdocs

36%

**All LANL employees
(Reg, TRMA)**

61%

All R&D scientists & engineers

33%

Managers



Summer Physics Camp for Young Women



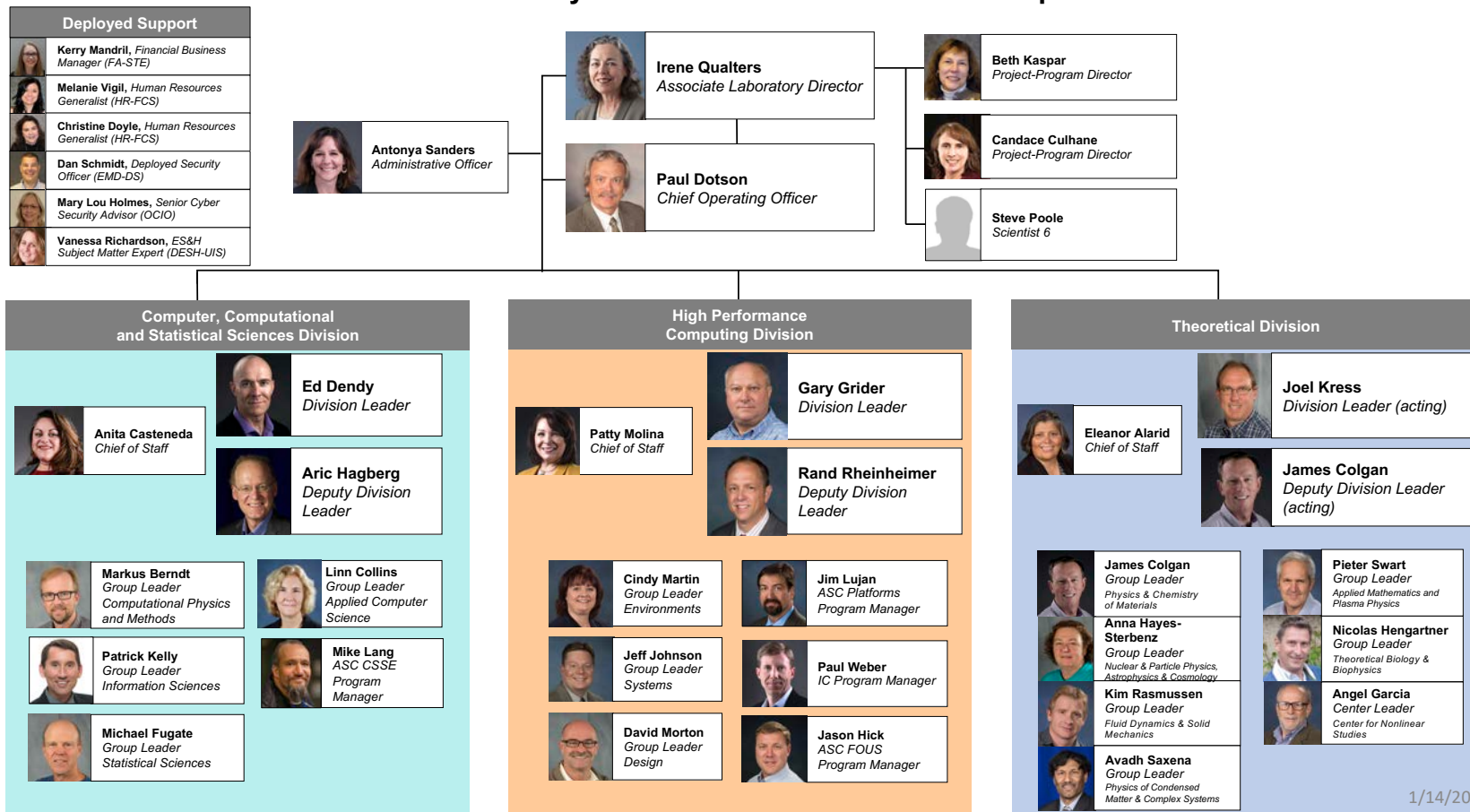
Supercomputing Challenge

29% of regular/term employees have at least 1 degree from a NM college/university

41% of Los Alamos employees are native New Mexicans

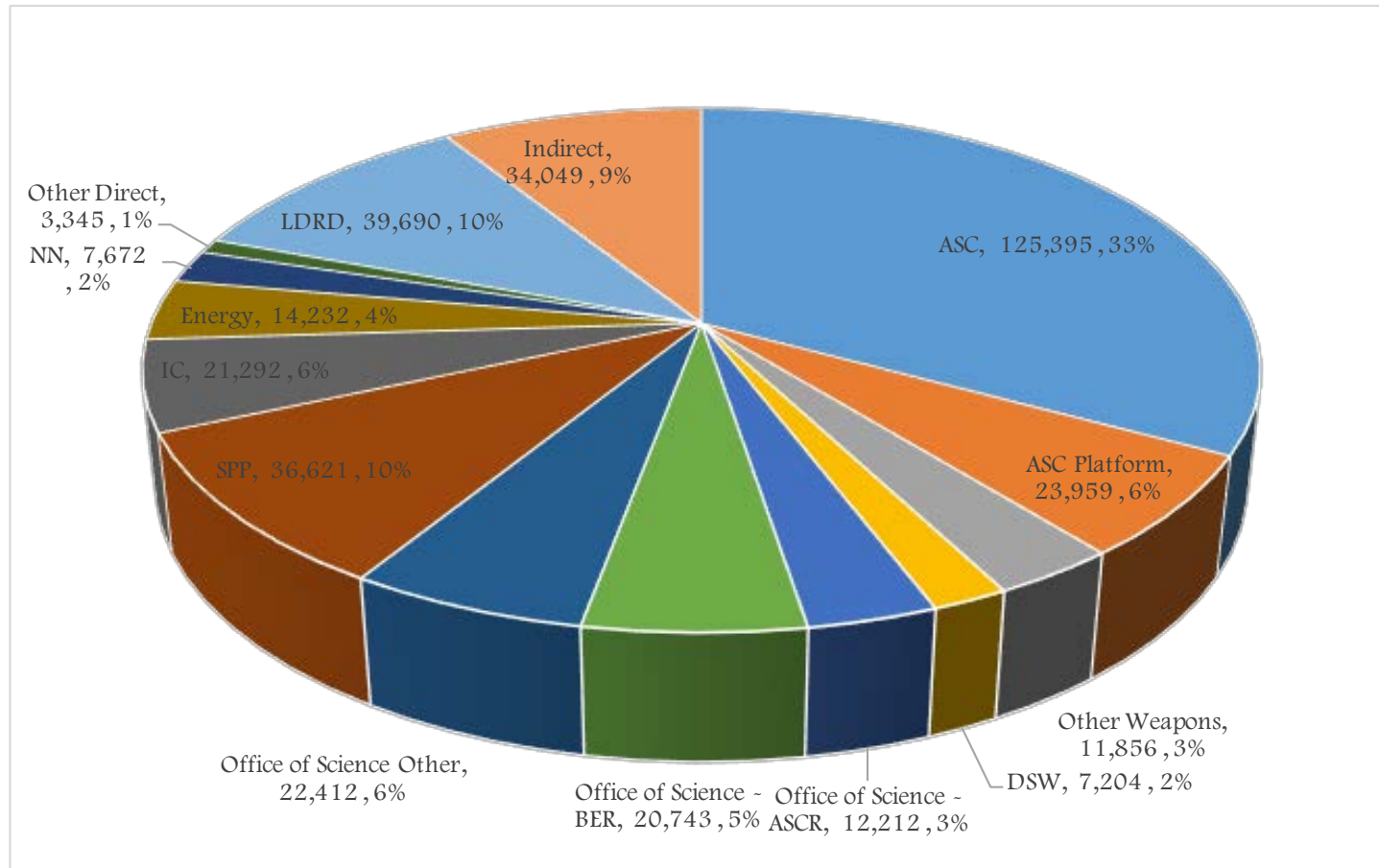
ALDSC Organization

Associate Laboratory Directorate for Simulation & Computation



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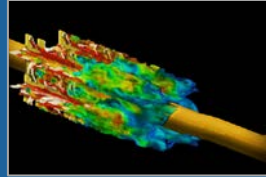
FY19 Year-End ALDSC-wide Operating Budget of \$380.7M Mirrors Lab Funding Diversity *Excludes Capital Funding*



LANL's long term capability areas ("Pillars") define science, technology & engineering areas in which we must lead/invest

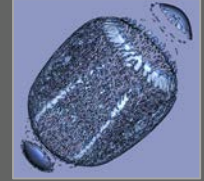
MATERIALS FOR THE FUTURE

Defects and Interfaces
Extreme Environments
Emergent Phenomena



SCIENCE OF SIGNATURES

Nuclear Detonation
Nuclear Processing, Movement,
Weaponization
Natural and Anthropogenic Phenomena



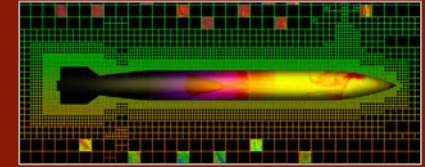
NUCLEAR AND PARTICLE FUTURES

High Energy Density Physics & Fluid Dynamics
Nuclear & Particle Physics, Astrophysics & Cosmology
Applied Nuclear Science & Engineering
Accelerator Science & Technology



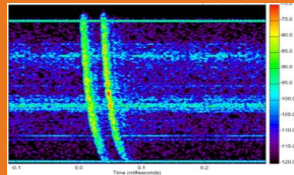
WEAPONS SYSTEMS

Design
Manufacturing
Analysis



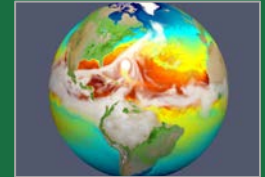
INTEGRATING INFORMATION, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY FOR PREDICTION

Complex Networks
Computational Co-Design
Data Science at Scale



COMPLEX NATURAL AND ENGINEERED SYSTEMS

Human–Natural System Interactions:
Nuclear
Engineered Systems
Human–Natural System Interactions:
Non-Nuclear

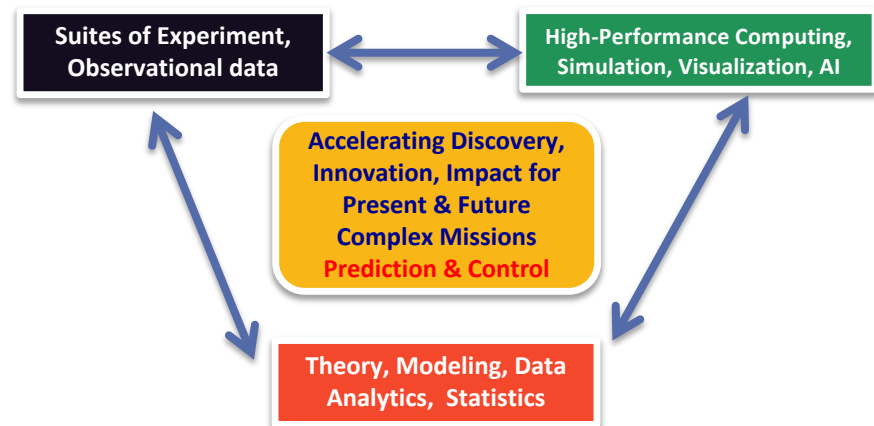
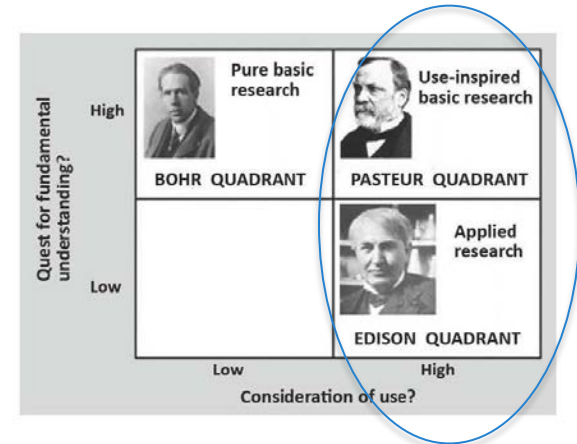


Co-design: our enduring approach and organizing principle to accelerate and advance discovery (insight, prediction, control)

- Co-design is a *process*, not a goal unto itself
- Directly underpins our broad national security mission
- Crosscuts a wide swath of LANL scientists from STE, Weapons, Global Security



Co-design ... it's in our DNA



Leaning forward: LANL's strategic computing priorities

- **Data science for mission**

- AI/Machine learning, complex work and data flows (sensors, instruments)
- **Current Focus: Domain science-informed machine learning**
 - Experimental-facility-centric data streams, including sparse data
 - Informed by theory; integrated with simulation; trustworthy
 - Cyber-physical systems; optimization methodology

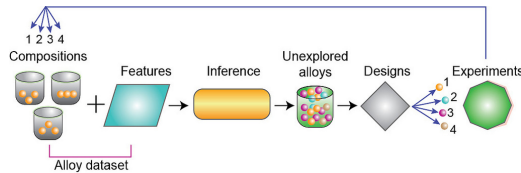
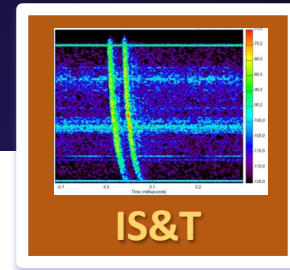
- **Novel system architectures, technologies**

- Quantum, Neuromorphic, ...
- Hybrid and heterogenous
- “Semi-custom”

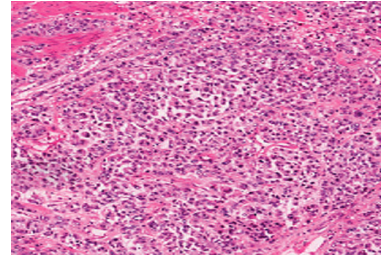
- **Revolutionary approaches to efficient extreme scale computing platforms**

- Blurring the boundaries of applications, algorithms, software & ASICs post-exascale (“Co-Design on steroids”)
- 3D methods; multiphysics/multiscale approaches
- Engineering agility into the software platforms

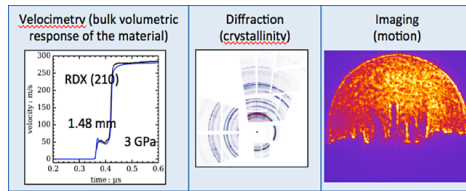
Data science (machine learning, visualization) is evolving a critical part of today's scientific methodology at LANL



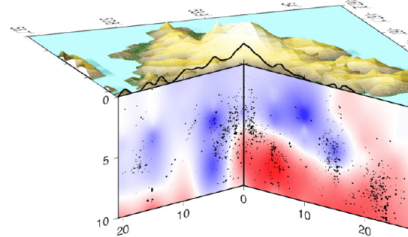
Machine Learning Accelerating Discovery of New Materials



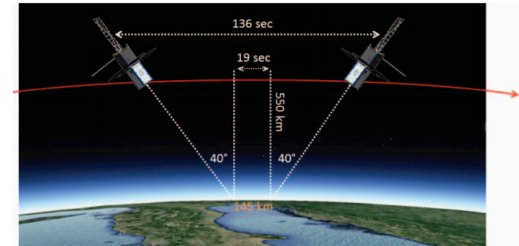
Bioinformatics/ Emergent Diseases



Real-time Adaptive Acceleration of Dynamic Materials Data Analysis



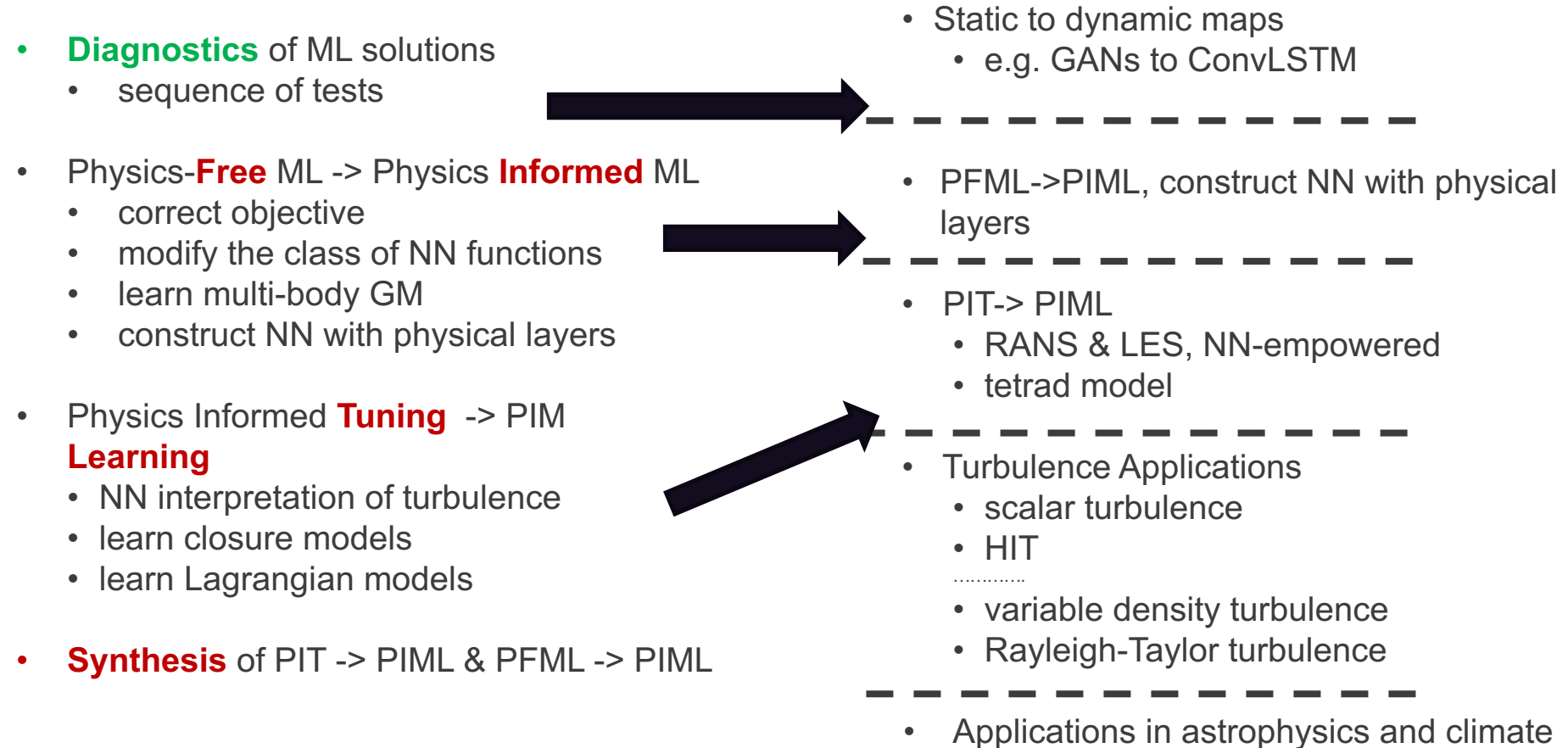
Critical Stress in Subsurface Energy Dynamics and Earthquakes



Constellation of CubeSats Carrying Ultra-Compact Spectral Sensors

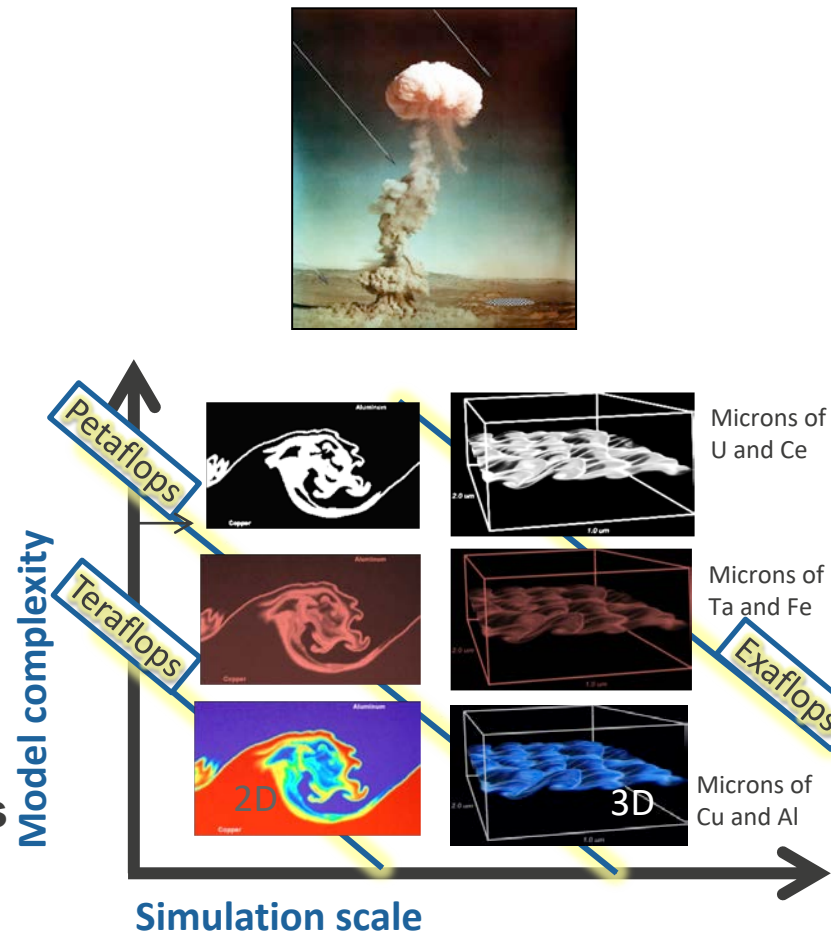
Example of co-design: MELT (LDRD) – ML for Turbulence

Accelerate hydroclosure, preserving relevant physics and accuracy



Advances in predictive modeling, simulation, and computation are required to address both urgent and longer-term NNSA needs

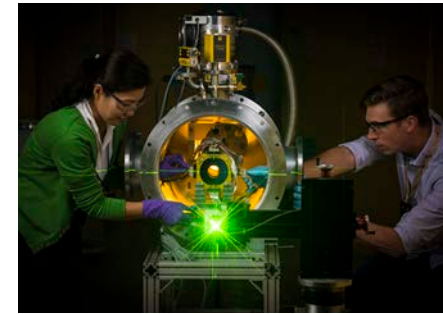
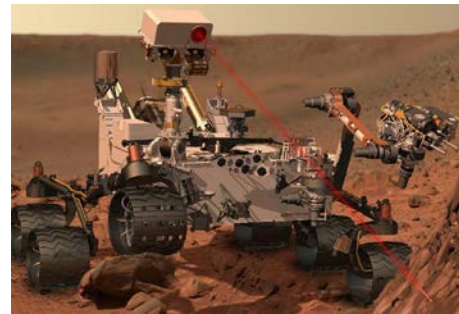
- **Urgent national security drivers:**
 - Aging and manufacturing challenges in current stockpile systems
 - Changing threat environment for both current and future systems
- **Longer-term national security issues requiring higher resolution include:**
 - Nuclear device disablement
 - 3D assessment of surety options
 - Understanding plutonium
 - Determining the effects of hydrodynamic mixing on performance
- **Similar motivations exist for many science fields and DOE programs**
 - e.g., seismic, astrophysics,



The Laboratory continues to be essential to the nation's security

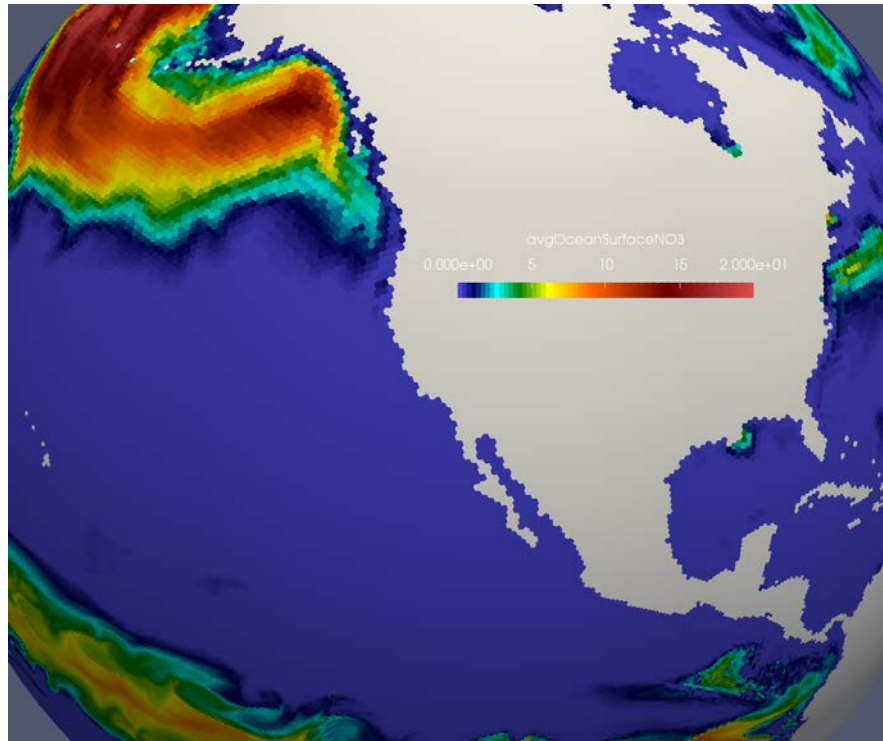
Los Alamos delivers national security mission solutions

- By applying multidisciplinary science, technology & engineering capabilities, in unique experimental, computational, and nuclear facilities
- With an agile, responsive, and innovative workforce
- Dedicated to addressing complex national security issues and the world's most difficult challenges

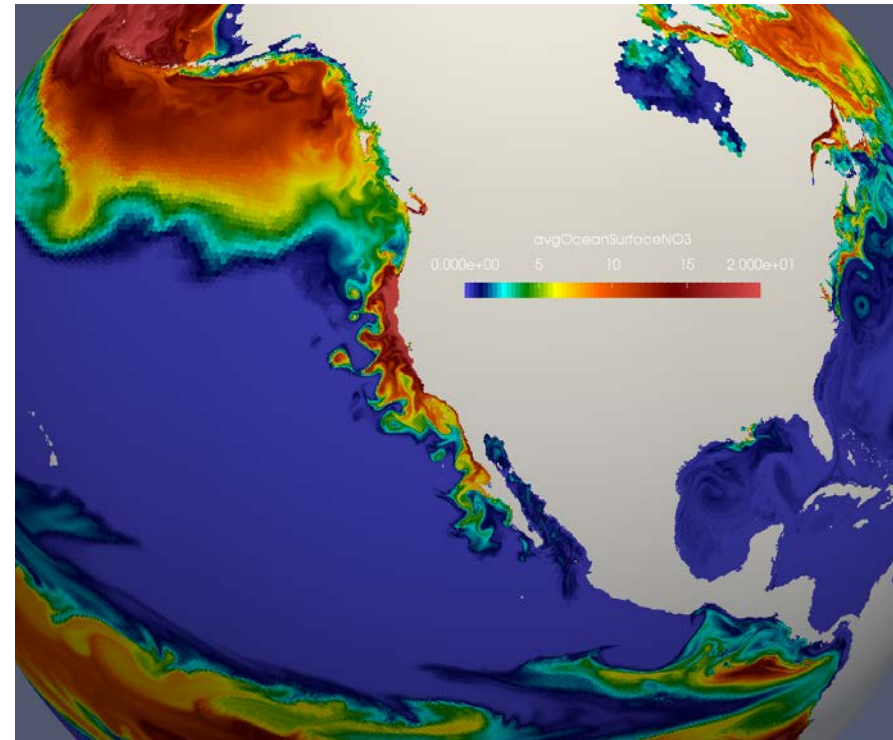


Advances in high resolution 3D multiphysics coastal simulations are fundamental to DOE's Energy Exascale Earth System Model (E3SM)

Average Ocean Surface Nitrate



Low resolution



Enhanced resolution along North American coasts

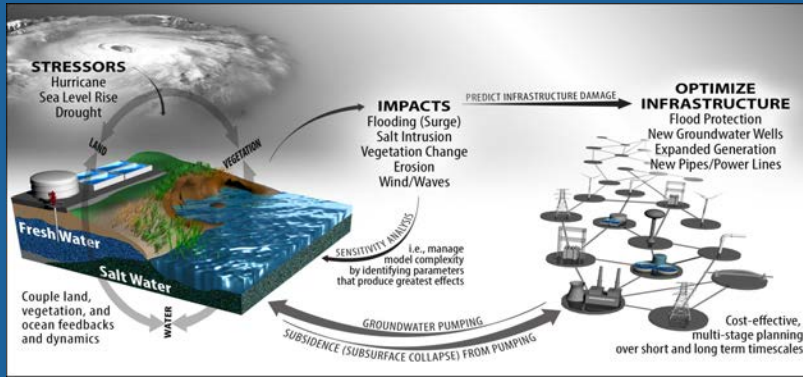
Predictive understanding of human and environmental coastal dynamics for society and national security

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LANL's Coastal
Grand Challenge



New Science
for Multisector
Adaptation
(NeMSA)

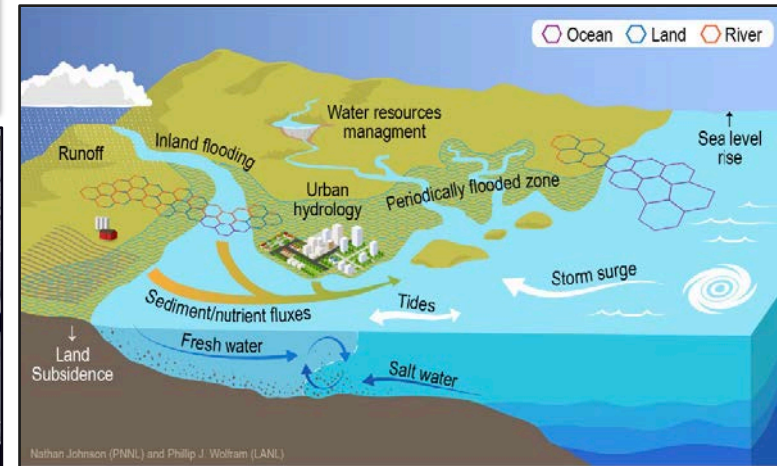


New DOE
projects

Interdisciplinary Research
for Arctic Coastal
Environments (InterFACE)



USGS



Integrated Coastal Modeling (ICoM)

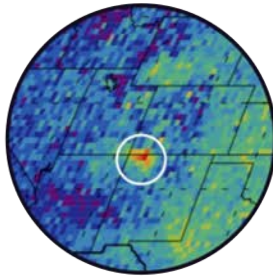
Joint research across DOE/BER, National Laboratories, Academia

Climate impacts on national security

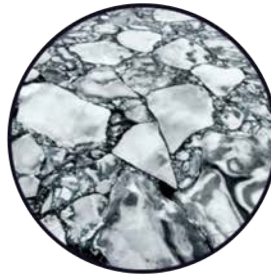
- Climate moving toward a “no analog” future
- Threats to civilian and defense infrastructure and operations
- Threats to the stability of countries



Coastal Resilience



Geoengineering



The New Arctic



First Offset



Regional Stability

Data Analytics



Infrastructure Analysis and Adaptation

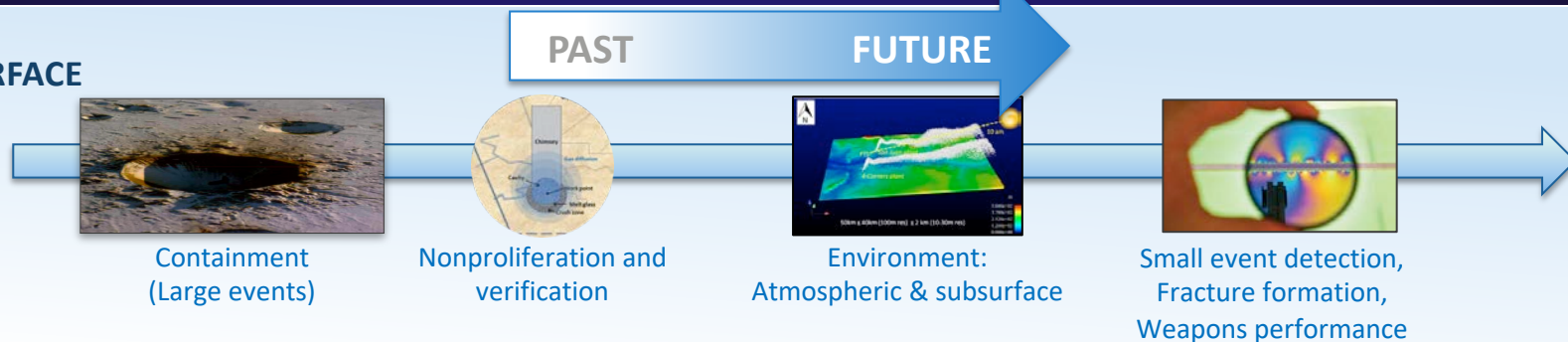


Flexible Computing

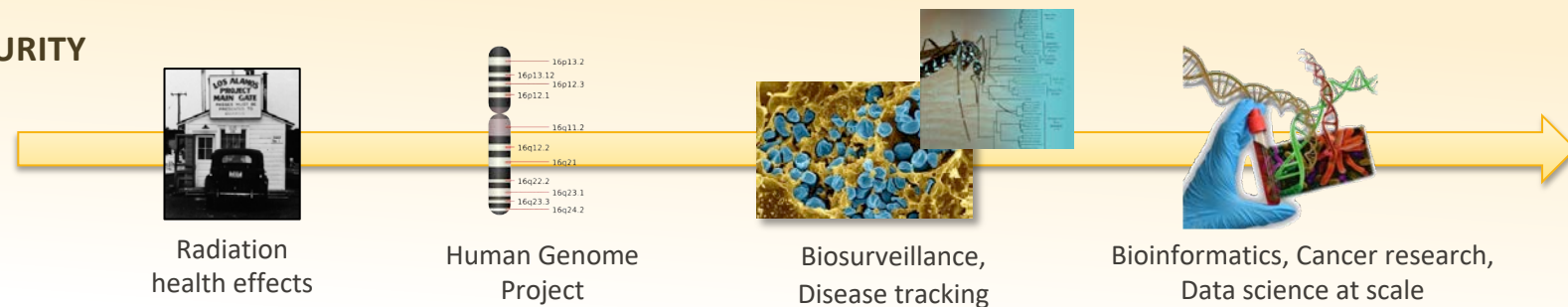


The integration of science, engineering, and mission enables agile responses to national security challenges

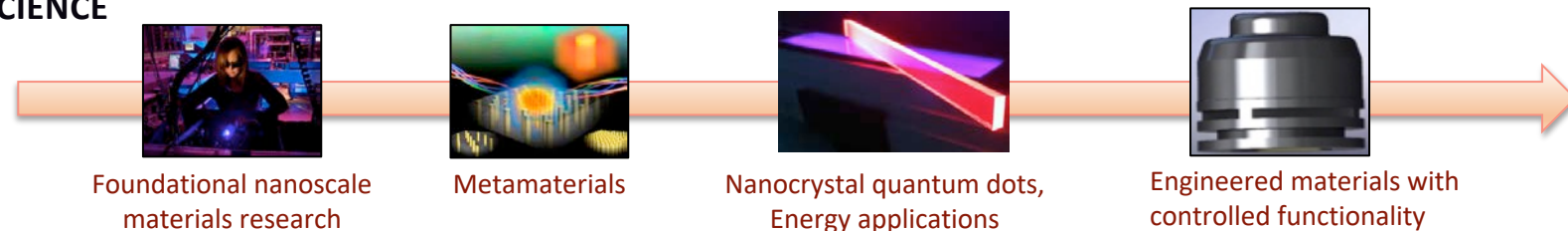
SUBSURFACE



BIOSECURITY

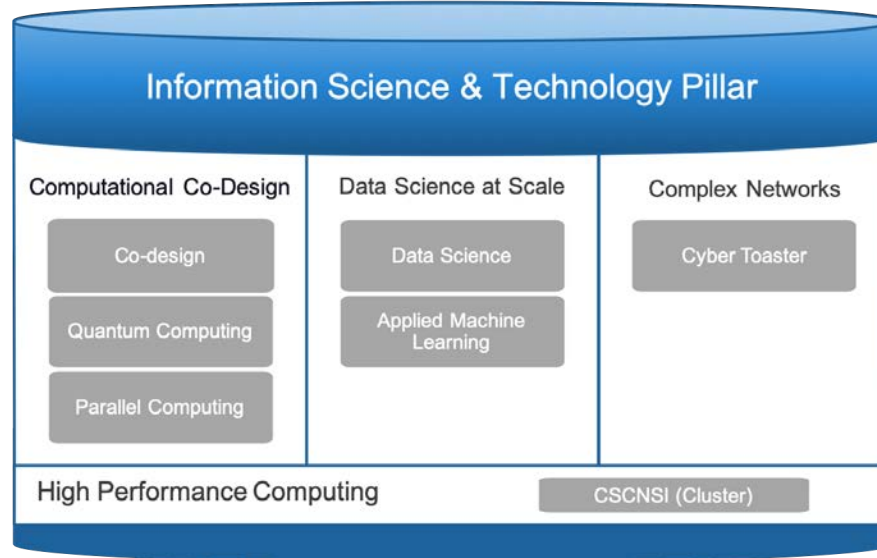


NANOSCIENCE



Supplemental Slides

ISTI Summer Schools address strategic areas within the IS&T Pillar to fill recruiting pipelines



Co-sponsors

- Advanced Simulation and Computing Program
- Center for Nonlinear Studies
- Center for Space and Earth Science
- Office of the Chief Information Officer

Summer School Program

- 2nd Quantum Computing Summer School
- 3rd Applied Machine Learning Research Internship
- 3rd Cyber Toaster
- 4th Parallel Computing School
- 9th Computational Co-Design School
- 9th Data Science at Scale School
- 13th Computer Systems, Clusters, and Networking Summer Institute
- Computational Physics Summer Workshop (affiliate)

Summer Schools: What and Why?

- “A summer school exhibits most or some of the following characteristics”:
 - Student presence at LANL 10 – 12 weeks (in summer)
 - Structured environment (lectures, presentations)
 - Unifying technical topic relevant to LANL mission space
 - Led by school lead(s) who assemble a dedicated mentor team
 - Physical colocation of students
- Rationale:
 - Recruiting pipeline
 - School structure increases chances that students return to LANL
 - Exposing students to LANL National Security challenge overcomes recruiting disadvantages
 - In some LANL-unique technical areas, externally-offered courses simply do not exist or are not common



Parallel Computing Research Internship (PSCRI)



SYNOPSIS

The Parallel Computing Summer Research Internship is an intense 10 week program aimed at providing students with a solid foundation in modern high performance computing (HPC) topics integrated with research on real problems encountered in large-scale scientific codes. Students will collaborate in teams to identify and investigate different computational problems and implement solutions with guidance from mentors with scientific and computational expertise.

STATISTICS

Started:

Students per year 2016

Applicants per year: 12-16
50 - 100+

Students total: 57

Universities (FY19): 10

Mentor Groups 8

(FY19): ~30%

Returnees to LANL: SC, SIAM,
Posters LANL Student
Symposium

EXAMPLE PROJECTS

- Quantifying Uncertainties in Vector Particle-In-Cell (VPIC)
- Runtime Examination of Kokkos
- Enabling Performance Portable Exascale Atmospheric Simulations: HiGrad GPU Port and Performance Analysis
- Statistical Estimation via Variational Inference using MPI and GPUs
- Numerical Method for the Computation of Synchrotron Radiation in the Near-Field
- Impact of a Stencil Kernel's Radius and Loop Tiling on Performance

Supercomputer Institute



SYNOPSIS

Supercomputer Institute is a 11 week technical summer school program offering hands-on experience building and operating state-of-the-art and next-generation computer clusters, high-speed networks, extreme-scale filesystems, containers, security, and more. Students work in small project teams to execute real-world projects on computer clusters that they have assembled and configured.

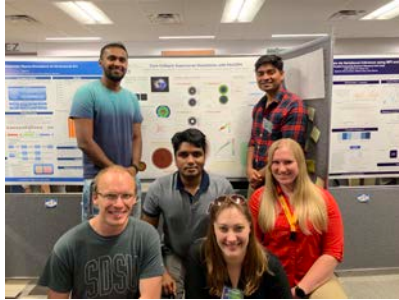
STATISTICS

Started: 2007
Students per year: 9-12
Applicants per year: 40-50
Students total: 151
Universities (FY19): 11
Returnees to LANL: ~50%
Comment: recruited to HPC, NIE, XIT;
Strong record of SC posters

EXAMPLE PROJECTS

- Exploring Computational System Health Monitoring and Reporting Solutions
- sFlow Monitoring for Security and Reliability
- LayerCake Workflow: Incorporating Containers into an HPC Environment
- An Analysis of the Effects of the Spectre and Meltdown Patches on the Lustre Parallel File System

Codesign School



SYNOPSIS

The Codesign School recruits 6-8 graduate students from varying backgrounds (usually computer science, computational physics, and mathematics) to work on a computational codesign topic, such as novel programming models, on a specific application, such as hydrodynamics. The work usually results in research papers and posters.

STATISTICS

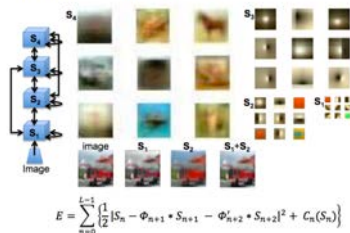
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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Started: | 2011 |
| # Students per year: | 6 |
| # Applicants per year: | 40-50 |
| # Students total: | 56 |
| # Universities (FY19): | 6 |
| # Mentor Groups (FY19): | 5 |
| # Returnees to LANL: | ~25% |
| Comments: | co-sponsored by ASC since 2014 |

EXAMPLE PROJECTS

- 2012: Scale-Bridging Approach to a Steady-State Neutron Transport
- 2013: Materials in Extreme Environments
- 2014: Adaptive Mesh Refinement for Hydrodynamics Simulations
- 2015: Quantum Molecular Dynamics
- 2016: Astrophysics – Neutron Star Mergers
- 2017: Accelerated Molecular Dynamics
- 2018: Equation of State: Caching and Balancing Tables
- 2019: Performance and Stack Portability of FleCSPH- Core Collapse Supernovae

Applied Machine Learning (AML) Research Internship

Deep Sparse Generative Autoencoders (DSGAs)



SYNOPSIS

The Applied Machine Learning Research Internship is an intense 10-week program is aimed at providing students with a solid foundation in modern machine learning (ML) topics combined with research on real problems encountered in national laboratory missions.

STATISTICS

Started: 2017
Students per year: 12-24
Applicants per year: 100+
Students total: 53
Universities (FY19): 13
Mentor Groups (FY19): 4
Returnees to LANL: ~25%
Publications: ICCV, AGU, plus others, Best Paper Award at LANL Symposium (2019)
Comments: Additional funding provided by CNLS and in FY18 also CSES as well as two individual LDRD projects

EXAMPLE PROJECTS

- High-Resolution Velocity Model Estimate via Data-Driven Full Waveform Inversion- Generalization and Robustness Study
- Diagram Image Retrieval using Sketch-based Deep Learning and Transfer Learning
- Tensor Factorization Model for Asymmetric Pairwise Relationship: Application to Export Data
- Preconditioned ADMM on (Convolutional) Sparse Coding
- Image Segmentation for River Channel Analysis
- Visual Data: Technical Diagram Feature-Based Image Retrieval

Cyber Security School



SYNOPSIS

The Cyber Summer School (“Cyber Toaster”) prepares students for careers in cyber security. The school has two tracks: incident response to learn the necessary concepts and skills to investigate cyber security incidents, or research to develop innovative solutions to help address national cyber threats.

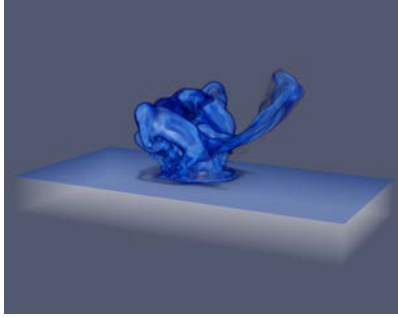
STATISTICS

Started: 2017
Students per year: 9
Applicants per year: 80-100
Students total: 27
Universities (FY19): 7
Mentor Groups (FY19): 2
Returnees to LANL: ~40%
Publications: LANL
Student Symposium Poster Winner
Comments: Additional funding provided by OCIO and the Cyber Fire Program.

EXAMPLE PROJECTS

- Robust Detection of Computer Generated Text
- Detecting Fake (AI Generated) Text vs Real (Human Written) Text
- CAP: Classifying Audio Perturbations
- SNNzkSNARK: An Efficient Design and Implementation of a Secure Neural Network Verification System Using zkSNARKs
- Coordinating Incident Response to Advanced Threats

Data Science at Scale School



SYNOPSIS

The Data Science School studies topics in data science as relevant to the Los Alamos National Laboratory mission. A key focus is placed on using big data technologies to gain insights from science data.

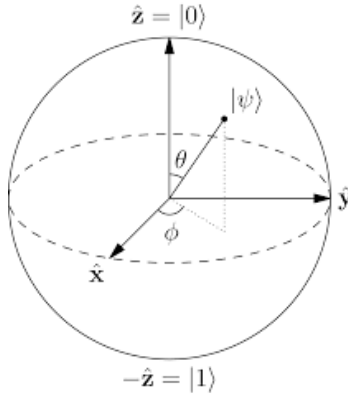
STATISTICS

Started: 2013
Students per year: 10-25
Applicants per year: 50-65
Students total (FY19): 3 (funded by ISTI)
Universities (FY19): 3
Mentor Groups (FY19): 2
Returnees to LANL: 3 (of ISTI funded students)
Comments: ISTI is one of many sponsors of the school supporting 3-5 students each year

Example Projects

- Exploring Feature Extraction and Semantic Interaction Techniques for Uncertainty Quantification of Image-based Simulation Ensembles
- Extending Visualization Task Taxonomies for Scientific Users
- Project Feigenbaum: Poking Hole in P0037R5 with Simple Physics Simulations
- In-Situ-Dashboard: Enable Scientific Simulation and Data Visualization of HPC Data
- Finite-time Saddles from Particle Origin and Destination

Quantum Computing School



SYNOPSIS

The Quantum Computing School is an immersive 10-week curriculum focused on the theory, applications, and hands-on programming of quantum computers. In the first 2 weeks, students will attend lectures given by world-leading experts, from both academia and industry. In the following 8 weeks, each student will be paired with a mentor to work on a cutting-edge research project in quantum computing.

STATISTICS

Started: 2018
Students per year: 10-15
Applicants per year: 150+
Students total: 22
Universities (FY19): 11
Mentor Groups (FY19): 6
Returnees to LANL: ~15% (based on last year)
Publications (FY19): 2 currently on ArXiv
Comments: Distinguished lecture series with guest lectures from world renowned people such as John Martinis, Peter Shor and many more.

Example Projects

- Quantum Algorithms for Lattice Gauge Theories
- Efficient Quantum Algorithms for Computing Renyi Entropies
- The Neutrino Many-body Problem on a Quantum Computer
- Variational Quantum Linear Solver
- Noise Resilience of Variational Quantum Compiling

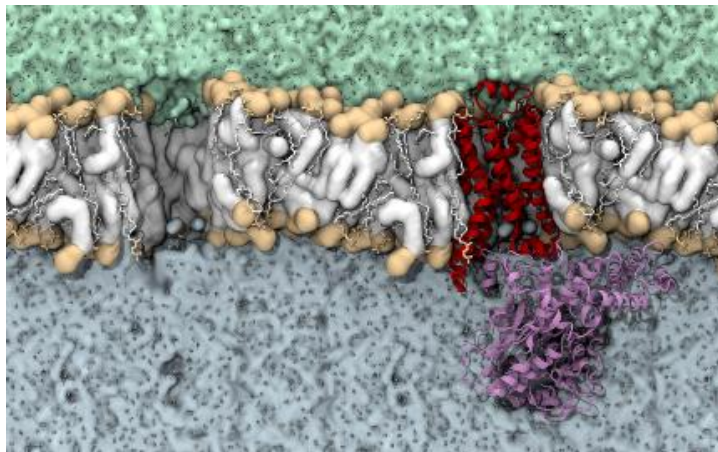
Center for Nonlinear Studies (CNLS) - Approach

CNLS meets its goals by maintaining:

- A robust and diverse **postdoctoral fellowships** that pairs postdoctoral fellows with laboratory staff
- A **graduate student** program during the calendar year and a summer student program (27 in 2015; 25 in 2016; 24 students in 2017, 23 in 2018)
- A large **visitors** program (~200 visitors/ year from academia and industry)
- Active **colloquium and seminar series** (Colloquium, Q-mat seminar, Quantum lunch, Postdoctoral fellows seminar, and other visitors seminars)
- Organization of international **conferences** that explore science at the interfaces
- The Ulam Scholar program that hosts long term (**sabbatical**) visitors at CNLS

CNLS - Current Cross-cutting Scientific Themes

**Mechanistic
Studies of
Human
Disease**



**Machine
Learning
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